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SUBJECT: HEARING ON SOUTH ASIA BEFORE HAMILTON SUB-
COMMITTEE OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. I UNDERSTAND YOU WILL BE RECEIVING SEPARATELY USIA
SUMMARY OF MY TESTIMONY BEFORE HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE THIS
MORNING. DURING HEARING I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT
WE HAD MADE VERY THOROUGH STUDY ALL ASPECTS OUR INTERESTS
AND POLICIES IN SOUTH ASIA PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE FOR
INDIA; AND THAT NATURE OF OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH
INDIA WOULD DEPEND UPON DIALOGUE WHICH YOU ARE NOW CON-
DUCTING ON BASIS THIS STUDY.

2. IN REGARD MILITARY SALES, I POINTED OUT THAT OUR
POLICY REVIEW WAS QUITE ACTIVE AND THAT NO DECISIONS HAD
BEEN MADE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. I MENTIONED PARTICULAR
PROBLEM OF CERTAIN COMMITMENTS FOR SALES MADE IN 1970
WHICH HAD BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE BECAUSE OF EMBARGO, AND
THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO FIND A WAY TO CLEAR UP SOME LONG-
STANDING ARMS COMMITMENTS.

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3. I ALSO MADE BRIEF STATEMENT OF OUR POSITION ON POW' S
ALONG LINES ALREADY IN PUBLIC RECORD.

4. MY COMMENTS ON JIMSON SEED PROBLEM BEING TRANSMITTED
SEPTEL.

5. INDIAN EMBASSY PEOPLE PRESENT AT HEARING SEEMED TO
HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH MY COMMENTS. I HOPE THAT INDIAN
PRESS WILL REPORT MY REMARKS ACCURATELY, BUT PAST
EXPERIENCE IN OTHER REGARDS NOT A HOPEFUL AUGURY. FIRST
AP AND UPI TICKERS APPEAR WELL BALANCED. ROGERS

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